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VIA FACSIMILE

## Dear Attorney Hesse,

I am writing in support of the Microsoft settlement. At this time the country needs to support large and small businesses alike. Penalizing Microsoft and spending more time and money in the court system is not helping the economy or individual consumers. Microsoft's contribution to the economy and technology is enormous and should not be thwarted because of a perceived harm to the American people. This is not the purpose of antitrust laws.

As an American consumer of Microsoft and other computer products, I appreciate Microsoft's contribution to the computer and technology industries. Microsoft has supplied us with excellent products and service. It is not logical to use inferior technology at higher prices merely for the sake of compliance with well-meaning but misguided legislation.

Please stop spending American dollars needlessly and allow the Microsoft settlement to stand. Our tax dollars are too valuable to be spent in this manner especially considering the events of the last few months.

Sincerely,

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